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SUBJECT: US-USSR AGRICULTURAL AGREEMENT: US SPRING WHEAT TEAM

PASS USDA/FAS/US-USSR SECRETARIAT/GRAIN & FEED/NOVOTNY FROM
ACTING AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE

1. FOLLOWING EARLIER TELEPHONE CONVERSATION IN DAY WITH KOVALEV,
USSR-US SECRETARIAT, MINAG., HE CALLED 5:00 PM LOCAL TIME JULY 15
TO ADVISE THAT BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS USSR SIDE REGRETS THEY CANNOT
ACCOMMODATE US SPRING WHEAT TEAM BEGINNING MONDAY, JULY 19, BUT
SUGGESTED A DELAY BY ONE WEEK.

2. KOVALEV EXPLAINED IN VIEW OF DEPUTY MINISTER RUNOV'S ABSENCE,
DEPUTY MINISTER FOR GRAIN AND GENERAL FARMING ADVISED TEAM WOULD
BENEFIT FROM ONE WEEK'S DELAY, BECAUSE OF DELAYED PROGRESS IN
GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF SPRING GRAINS IN SIBERIA AND KAZAKHSTAN
RESULTING FROM LATE SPRING.

3. KOVALEV INDICATED TEAM SCHEDULE AND ITINERARY WOULD BE
DELIVERED MONDAY OR TUESDAY. WHEN ASKED WHAT AREAS IT WOULD
COVER, HE SAID MAIN SPRING WHEAT AREAS IN SIBERIA AND NORTH
KAZAKHSTAN. WHEN FURTHER QUERIED WHETHER SCHEDULE WOULD INCLUDE
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EAST SIBERIA HE INDICATED HE WOULD HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL NEXT WEEK

TO SEE SCHEDULE.

4. KOVALEV FURTHER INDICATED THE ARRIVAL OF LARGE US ANIMAL
PHYSIOLOGY SEMINAR TEAM NONDAY, JULY 19, AS ANOTHER REASON TO
DELAY US SPRING WHEAT TEAM BY ONE WEEK TO JULY 26. PLEASE
CONFIRM EXACT TIME ARRIVAL ABOVE TEAM.

5. ATTACHE OFFICE SUGGESTS TEAM MEMBERS NOT DEPART US UNTIL
ITINERARY CAN BE AGREEED UPON. SINCE SOVIETS WILL NOT MEET, HOTEL
ACCOMMODATIONS DIFFICULT. FURTHER, PRESENCE TEAM MEMBERS SAME
TEAM 1974 DID NOT SEEM TO INFLUENCE SOVIET DECISION TO MEET US
ITINERARY REQUEST.
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